

Methods

The data used in this report were collected by the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont as part of the 2017 Vermonter Poll. The survey was conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on weekdays beginning on February 21, 2017 and ending on February 28, 2017. The telephone polling was conducted from the University of Vermont using computer-aided telephone interviewing (CATI). A random sample for the poll was drawn from a list of Vermont landline and cellular telephone numbers. Only Vermont residents over the age of eighteen were interviewed. The poll included questions on a variety of issues related to public policy in the state of Vermont.

A total of 2,960 eligible potential respondents were contacted. Of these, 2,347 refused to take the survey and 613 completed a survey. The response rate for the 2017 Vermonter Poll was 20.1%. Based upon 613 valid responses, the overall results have a margin of error of plus or minus 4.0 percent with a confidence level of 95 percent.